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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S)
IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION AND CORRECTION OF DRAWING

Sir:

This paper is submitted in Response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) mailed on February 23, 2004, which set a two month statutory shortened period of response extending through and including April 23, 2004.

The Notice of Omitted Item(s) asserts that Fig. 15b described in the specification was omitted from the application papers filed on November 25, 2003. The specification describes "[s]lots 132 . . . disposed perpendicular to the relative motion of catheter 2, as shown in Fig. 15b." If one looks at the formal drawing of the sheet containing Fig. 15 submitted with the application papers, the subject matter of Fig. 15b, *i.e.* slots 132 disposed perpendicular to the relative motion of the catheter, is shown in the bottom-left drawing of the formal drawing for